Statement

Price of domestic newsprint from time to time

	Date	Price per tonne
1. National Newsprint and Paper Mills Ltd. (for 55 gsm)	October, 1980	Rs. 3,886
	January, 1981	Rs. 3,956
	April, 1981	Rs. 4,277
	July, 1981	Rs. 4,700
	September, 1982	Rs. 5,200
	June, 1983	Rs. 5,600
	March, 1984	Rs. 6,400
	31-12-1985	Rs. 7,860
2. Hindustan Newsprint Ltd. (52 gsm)	March, 1982	Rs. 6,400
	August, 1982	Rs. 6,750
	January, 1983	Rs. 7,000
	February, 1984	Rs. 7,100
	April, 1984	Rs. 8,000
	31-12-1985	Rs. 8,960
3. Mysore Paper Mills Ltd. (52 gsm)	May, 1982	Rs. 7,225
	April, 1984	Rs. 8,000
	31-12-1985	Rs. 8,960
4. Tamil Nadu Newsprint & Paper Ltd.	June, 1985	Rs. 8,000
	31-12-85	Rs. 8,960

LPG stoves sold through LPG dealers

*102. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI BHAGAT RAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of LPG stoves being sold in the country through LPG retailers do not conform to the safety requirements and if so, what action is proposed to be taken in this regard;

(b) whether Government propose to issue precise instructions to the stove manufacturers for adoption of essential safety feautures in their products and make it binding on them to follow these instructions, in view of the requirement of utmost safety in the use of LPG; and

(c) whether it is a fact that if some parts in a gas stove are not serviced periodically, there is a likelyhood of gas leakage and if so, whether Gove-

rnment propose to make it obligatory for the stove manufacturers to issue necessary instructions to the consumers at the time of the sale of LPG stoves?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) and (b) LPG distributors of the oil marketing companies are authorised to sell only ISI certified stoves. They are also under instructions to ensure, while releasing a new connection, that the consumer has a stove of ISI certification. Such stoves are manufactured with in-built safety characteristics.

(c) Inadequate maintenance of an LPG stove can create safety hazards. According to the relevent ISI specification, a new gas stove has to be accompanied by an instruction card about installation and regulation etc. Besides, advice about safety practices is tendered to consumers at the time of releasing newconnections.

हिन्दुस्तान मशीन टूल्स लिमिटेड

*103. श्री प्यारेलाल खंडेलवाल : क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) हिन्दुस्तान मशीन टूल्स लिमिटेड द्वारा अपनी एन्सिलरीज लगाने की पेशकश को मारुति उद्योग लिमिटेड द्वारा हाल ही में अस्वीकार किये जाने के क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ख) मारुति उद्योग लिमिटेड द्वारा जापान से अपनी एन्सिलरीज को आयात करने के क्या कारण है और इन मदों के आयात की शर्तें क्या है ?

उद्योग मन्त्री (श्री नारायण दत्त तिवारी) (क) एच०एम०टी० लिमिटेड मोटरगाड़ी के सहायक सामान का निर्माण नहीं करता है और इस कारण मारुति उद्योग लिमिटेड को उपकरणों की सप्लाई करने की कोई पेशकश नहीं की है ।

(ख) स्वदेशी मोटरगाड़ी सहायक उद्योग पुराने माडल की कारों के उपकरणों की सप्लाई नेज करने तथा प्रौद्योगिकी उन्नयन और समकालीन डिजाइनों की आवश्यकतानुसार क्षमता में वृद्धि करने में लगा हुआ है । इस बीच मारुति उद्योग लिमिटेड अपने चरणबद्ध निर्माण कार्यक्रम के अनुसार जापान से कुछ हिस्से-पुर्जों का आयात कर रहा है ।

Import of crude oil

*104. SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:

DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of crude oil imported during the year 1985;

(b) what is the estimated requirement of crude during the year 1986: how much is proposed to be imported and how much would be produced indigenously during the same period; and

(c) whether the imports are proposed to be made on long-term contracts or on official selling prices or the purchases are to be made on the spot prices, in view of the soft market conditions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) The gross crude oil import during the year 1985 was approximately 13.8 MMT.

(b) The estimated requirement of crude oil during the year 1986 is about 44.66 MMT. It is proposed to import 14.66 MMT of crude oil and the indigenous production is expected at about 30 MMT.

(c) In view of the soft market conditions, it is proposed to import crude oil during 1986 through spot purchases and also against term contracts at market related prices.